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Dear Sir.

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-2428.

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, directed to the above-identified patent application. Please amend the application as indicated below and consider the following remarks — toward withdrawal of the objections and reconsideration of the application and passage to allowance of same.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 10-13, 16 and 17 are allowed, and that claims 14, 15, 21, 25, and 29-34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base daim and any intervening claims. Applicant is limiting this response to only these allowed and "allowable" claims.

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